

October 25, 2018

SWCD Office

Supervisors Present: Mark Jordan, Mark Kingma, Kyler Laird, Derek Luchik and Lana Zimmer.

Supervisors Absent:

Staff Present: Dan Perkins and Sheila Schroeder

Associates Present:

Partners Present: Ben Eaton, Kevin Shide

Citizens Present:

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kyler Laird called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. CST.

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from August were presented for review. Mark J. motioned to approve the minutes and Mark K. seconded. Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's Report, Claims

The treasurer's report and claims in the amount of \$2,293.58 for August and \$7,450.32 for September were presented for approval. Lana motioned to approve the August reports and claims and Mark K. seconded. Motion carried. Mark K. motioned to approve the September reports and claims and Lana seconded. Motion carried. Reports will be filed for audit. Sheila explained that county reimbursements in the amount of approximately \$600 were not utilized in 2017, due to a policy requiring a letter along with the submission of those December claims stating they were to be taken out of the 2017 budget. That leaves us with fewer county appropriations for the remainder of the year than previously thought.

IV. Next Meeting Schedule

November 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Fair Oaks Farmhouse, ahead of the Region Meeting. Sheila will confirm a room or restaurant reservation.

V. Correspondence

Leadership flyers were distributed and discussed.

VI. Healthy Soils

Dan is helping with coordinating the Midwest Mint Grower's Meeting to be held at Fair Oaks Farms in the middle of February; a lot of corn and soybean producers will be there as well. Jason Mauck will speak on February 22.

Infield Advantage region meeting is January 23, 2019 at Fair Oaks.

Dan Childs, Monsanto Research Scientist, reported that soybean planted into cereal rye yielded 9 bushels better than non-cereal rye plantings. He will be issuing a full report of his results.

We were awarded the CWI 2019 grant for the interseeder. Dan distributed information and price quotes for the equipment that could be purchased, leased or upgraded to achieve the goals of the grant.

VII. Water Management

Genetic testing source sampling for bacteria in the water was done recently. Results were discussed. Our numbers may have been a little low due to doing the sampling in October. More data would be needed to determine a pattern. Discussion was held about the possibility of doing more targeted testing in the future and whether there is a less expensive way to perform the testing.

Kyler asked about the logjam situation. Dan hasn't attended a Conservancy District meeting lately, so no information was available about the current state of logjams.

VIII. Land Use and Development

No report.

IX. District Development

Administrative Committee – Lana has agreed to join Mark J. on the committee. Annual Plan of Work needs to be placed into the back of the Supervisor binders.

Education Center – Dan has weed whacked a couple of times. Discussion was held about possible sites for demo plots for cover crops and native plantings. Mark J. will talk to the Fair Board about possible sites.

Lana made a motion to appoint Mark J. as the appointed supervisor for 2019, Mark K. seconded the motion and it passed. Mark J. will be entered into SharePoint as the appointed supervisor for 2019.

Kyler appointed Mark K. and Derek to be on the Nominating Committee. They will be entered into SharePoint as nominating committee members for 2019, and they will supply names to Sheila before December 1 to enter as candidates on SharePoint.

Dan was invited to speak at an event in Minnesota in January. He will speak about interseeding and will meet a network of farmers who are experts in that field. Mark K. makes a motion that Dan be allowed to take time off without pay for the Soil Health Tour, Derek seconded the motion and it passed.

Annual Conference is January 14 and 15, 2019. Board will look over the agenda and decide on attendance next month.

X. Agency/Partner Reports

Purdue Extension – No report.

NRCS

Kevin Shide reported.

Notre Dame/RCPP – this is the last year. Saturated buffers and bioreactors have been added to the practices, but no one has shown interest.

DNR/RCPP – our agreement states we will assist however we can. Promoting warm season grass plantings and pollinator plantings is the focus. The program is Grasslands for Gamebirds and Songbirds.

EQUIP – still taking applications

CSP – no sign up announced

CRP – working on re-enrollments for 2019; there are 140

Without having a farm bill yet, things are on hold at the moment.

Tillage transect – will schedule in the next 3-4 weeks.

Local Work Group – Kevin distributed and explained the ranking system for local concerns and priorities. Discussion was held about the 2018 top 10 concerns and any changes that may need to be made for 2019.

ISDA

Ben Eaton introduced himself as the Resource Specialist for ISDA for the 5-county area.

XI. Other Business

A Steering Committee needs to be selected for the new Kankakee 319 grant. Dan has a list of possibilities. Carolyn will continue to work after the end of the UIWI until the start of the Kankakee as long as there is work for her to do. She will be paid out of CWI annual funds.

Mark K. made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Derek. Chairman Kyler Laird adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Sheila Schroeder